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HOUSE APPROVES ARMY OF 150,000

Ready to Balk at Any Effort to Increase That Figure, Indication

TO END WAR WASTE

Cut of Appropriation for Military in Response to Public Demand Says Anthony

GENERAL STAFF ATTACKED

Mississippi Would Abolish It, Says It's Greatest 'Buck Passer' of the Army

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Taking up the \$128,000,000 army appropriation bill, the house in the first hour of debate today showed it was ready to fight any attempt to put the enlisted personnel above 150,000 men provided for in the measure.

Chairman Anthony of the appropriation subcommittee in charge of the bill, declared that in reduced to public demand and effort now being made to reduce the number of the waste and extravagance that has been characterized by the military establishment for the last few years.

In the house's time allotted him for explaining provisions of the bill, the chairman was interrupted by a series of questions. The questions were asked by the speaker and from both sides of the chamber—indicated strong support for an army of 150,000 men and approximately 14,000 commissioned officers.

See National Guard Growth.
Mr. Anthony insisted this number would be sufficient for all requirements that the national guard would become an invaluable adjunct if given the whole-hearted support and sympathy of the war department, and that there would be no difficulty in bringing down the present total by July 1, the end of the fiscal year.

The total cost of the military establishment this year was \$194,000,000, the chairman said, while for the next fiscal year the department had asked for \$202,000,000.

Representative Sisson of Mississippi, ranking democrat on the subcommittee, declared that in adopting a resolution directing the secretary of war not to recruit beyond 150,000, congress was not prevented from insisting on a less figure. He said there were enough of the many military employees and the house if he could write a new military law he would abolish the army general staff and shift its duty to the secretary of war.

McClintock Still Filibustering.
Consideration of the bill was delayed by filibustering tactics, which included many quorum calls and a demand for the reading of the 90 pages of printed text by Representative McClintock, democrat, Oklahoma, who also objected to unanimous consent for four hours.

The house got around the objections, however, with a formal motion, adopted on a roll call vote, 272 to 2.

DISCUSS AMERICANIZATION

W. C. T. U. in Meeting Today Will Study Aims of Problem.

Americanization will be discussed from a variety of angles at the regular meeting of the North Side W. C. T. U. at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. J. Moore, 805 North Elwood. The program, which will be led by Mrs. Ruth Montgomery, county Americanization chairman, will be as follows: "Are Women Who Fail to Vote Good American Citizens?" Mrs. Montgomery; "Laws Before the Legislature," Mrs. Lillian D. Lindsey; "The Effect in the City," Mrs. T. H. Hattie; "Effect in the State and Nation," Mrs. T. J. McCrackin; "Requirements of an Alien to Become an American Citizen," Mrs. Montgomery; "Is It Sufficient That We Americanize the Alien or Should We Christianize Him?"

Pershing Urges Nation to Honor Its Soldier Dead

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—General John J. Pershing today appeared before the house military affairs committee and urged that the nation pay tribute to the men who fell in battle in France by bringing back to this country the body of one unknown soldier to be buried officially in a nationally commemorated spot. The decision should be one of greatest solemnity for the entire nation, General Pershing said.

It would be a fitting tribute for the nation to pay not only to its unknown dead among those who fought in the world war but to all who gave, or risked their lives. There has been no national expression since the war ended to give the people an opportunity to show their appreciation.

"It would recommend that the place of interment for this unknown soldier should be in the amphitheater at Arlington cemetery at the national capital.

"The ceremony attending should be made as impressive as possible. The unknown body from its grave in France, a battleship would be used to transport the body to this country."

SAYS RAILROADS PLAN RATE CUTS

Cuyler Says That's Why They Seek to Abrogate Agreements

SEES A PLUMB BOOST

Charges Workers Are Seeking to Discredit Private Operation of the Railways

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The railroads of the country asked the railway labor board to abrogate the national agreements so that an ultimate reduction in rates without an immediate reduction in wages could be brought about, Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, said tonight in a telegram to President Wilson, replying to one sent the chief executive last night by representatives of seven labor unions.

Mr. Cuyler denied every charge made against the railroads by the labor leaders in their telegram, declaring that they were "deliberate and gross misrepresentations and propaganda intended to discredit private management of the railroads in the interests of the Plumb plan and to defeat efforts being made in good faith to abolish rules and working conditions which were war measures."

Mr. Cuyler said the railroads had refused a conference with labor leaders because such a conference could not adjust conditions for all roads in all parts of the country. The roads, however, were willing to individualize to adjust conditions with those groups of employees who were in fact urging this upon the labor board.

OIL COMPANY GETS DAMAGES

Interstate Commerce Commission Awards Reparation to Shaffer Refinery.

Special to The World.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Reparation was awarded the Shaffer Oil Refinery, a subsidiary of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad company by the interstate commerce commission on rates charged on the oil in tank cars from Cushing, Okla., to St. Louis, Mo., which were held to be unreasonable and unduly prejudicial. The reparation amounted to five cents per barrel of oil shipped between January 1 and April 6.

ENEMY CAN'T PAY ENORMOUS 'FINE'

U. S. Opinion Is That Germany Can't Bear Up Under Great Load

'AMERICA OUT OF IT'

No Intention of Getting Back Into European Tangle, Is Washington Viewpoint

BERLIN WANTS TO DICKER

Cabinet Desires Further Negotiations With Allies in Effort to Reach Solution

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Dr. Walter Schuler, the foreign minister, declared in the Reichstag today that the government would refuse to negotiate on the basis of the entente decisions regarding reparations and would formulate counter proposals. His position was supported by all the party leaders except the communists, who heckled and jeered him when he concluded speaking.

BULLETIN
By The Associated Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The government does not approve of the German reparations settlement agreed upon by the allied premiers in Paris, it was officially stated today that no action will be taken by Washington, either by formal representation or by unofficial suggestion.

Officially emphasized that the withdrawal of the United States from participation in things European is complete and they see nothing in the present situation which would cause a change in this policy. There is an official observer on the reparations committee, Roosevelt, formerly secretary of the treasury department, but no report has come through from him and there is no indication that America had anything at all to do with the agreement.

Too Can't Bear Up.
Further study of the plan of settlement has even more firmly convinced officials of this government, it was stated today, that Germany cannot bear up under the terrific load of \$26,000,000,000 indemnity and additional burden of 12 1/2 per cent.

While government officials would not comment for publication they privately expressed the fear that the allies were taking a course in which the war would be a danger of Germany being driven into the arms of Soviet Russia. Spontaneous and revolutionary is not yet dead in Germany according to reports reaching Washington.

May Go Into Russia.

"Any measure that there is to restrict Germany's industry and her export trade will drive her into Russia," it was said.

SEEK WOMAN'S SLAYER

Possess of More Than a Hundred Men Searching for Woman Who Was Killed for Murderer.

MILFORD, Conn., Feb. 1.—More than 100 armed men tonight were searching a wooded section near the Woodmont railroad station for the murderer of Mrs. Joseph Chernock, 35, who was killed in her home here today. Police, firemen and volunteers under the direction of Chief of Police James Maher of MILFORD, took up the pursuit half an hour after the killing.

Statements by persons who saw the man fleeing toward the woods indicated that he was a short, stout man and had worn a black mask. Before nightfall searchers had found his abandoned overcoat. The woman's husband, who is employed as a bridgeport, returned home late today and said that \$15 he had in the house, was missing. Mrs. Chernock was the mother of seven children, the eldest 12 years old, and the youngest five weeks. The infant was found unharmed.

Kidnapped Wife to Appear on Stand In Court Today

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Gladys Withersell, kidnapped and held for ransom for six days in a lonely hut, will take the witness stand when her abduction, Arthur W. and Floyd Carr, comes, appear for sentence Wednesday, it was announced by the district attorney's office late today.

The purpose of calling her, it was stated, was to show she had been roughly handled the night of January 25, when she was lured from her home in the Hollywood section that she still bears bruises as the result of her treatment.

This arrangement was made, according to Charles W. Fricke, deputy district attorney, as a result of announcements that the prisoners would ask for clemency because they claimed they had not injured Mrs. Withersell.

ROAD COMPLETION LOOMS PROBABLE

Max Cunningham, Former State Engineer, Takes Over Standard Co.

COUNTY WORK IN DEAL

Eight Miles of Broken Arrow-Tulsa Highway Included in Contract Assumed

Max L. Cunningham, former state highway engineer, has organized a construction company which has taken over the plant, equipment and road construction contract held by the Ruz Four Paving company. It was announced Tuesday. The contract calls for the paving of eight miles of the Tulsa-Broken Arrow road extending from Tulsa street to the Ruzum corner, four miles of which have already been paved.

Begin Work March 1.
In addition to this contract the Cunningham company is under a subcontract assuming the responsibility for the paving of the Tulsa-Broken Arrow road from the Ruzum corner to Bixby, a distance of seven miles, and the five-mile stretch from the Ruzum corner into Broken Arrow, both of which contracts had been held by Joseph T. Laney, Cunningham's assistant. Today night he expects to begin operations on March 1.

Joseph T. Laney said Tuesday that under favorable conditions he will have four paving miles in operation on the balance of his contracts by March 15. This includes 12 1/2 miles on the Tulsa-Broken Arrow road, 10 miles on the Dawson turn and eight miles on the Oxnard turn into Okmulgee.

Two Autos in Crash; All Occupants Escape

A man who gave the name of Max W. to attendants at the Oklahoma hospital, was slightly injured and two automobiles were considerably smashed in a collision at Fourth and Elwood at 1 o'clock this morning.

Wile, driving a Chevrolet touring car on South Elwood, crashed into a Dodge touring car driven by G. B. Phillips, 1235 South Denver, knocking it across the street and into a brick building.

Overpowered, struck a telephone pole and turned over. Neither Phillips nor a man riding with him was injured beyond bruises. Wile was permitted to leave the hospital after an examination, suffering only from bruises and shaking up.

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By Associated Press From State Wire.
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Two members of the court dissented from the court's order, but not to the conclusion in the case of cities which have no distributing agent other than the Oklahoma Natural gas company.

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The Oklahoma Natural gas company has an appeal pending from the order of the commission granting the 10-cent increase, which asks a still greater increase in rates. The appeal is based on the allegation that the commission did not take into account amortization, depreciation and return on investment when granting the increase.

Won't Try to Collect.
J. P. Owens, president of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., district agent for the Oklahoma Natural gas company, said today that the company would not attempt to collect the increased rate for January.

Producer of 'Aphrodite' and 'Mecca' Sues Henry Ford for 5 Million Dollars Damages

Harding to Receive \$18,000 Yearly Less In Pay Than Wilson

Morris Gest, Who Rose From Newsboy to Great Showman, Hits Back.

Dearborn Independent Says His Spectacles 'Most Salacious Ever' in America

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The producer in a \$5,000,000 damage suit against Henry Ford and his paper, the Dearborn Independent, was killed in circuit court today by Morris Gest, theatrical producer, who alleged that an article in the Independent on January 22, 1921, "contained libelous, slanderous and false statements" concerning Mr. Gest and certain stage productions he had handled.

The article mentioned in the suit attacked "Aphrodite" and "Mecca" in particular, terming them the "most salacious spectacles ever shown in America."

A Boastful—Bosomed Stage.
The article, which was alleged to have been libelous was quoted in the principal. It asserted that the American stage was under the influence and control of a gang of former bootleggers, newsboys, ticket speculators, prize fighting habitués and Bowery characters.

Not Type for 'Success Story.'
"There is nothing in Gest's career to indicate that he could ever contribute anything to the theater's best interests," the article said, and also declared that "the story of Morris Gest is the last one in the type of a notorious gang of ticket speculators who were the bane of the people."

People Flee Neighborhood; 2 Stills Wiped Out and Other Damage Is Done
By Associated Press From State Wire.
OKMULGEE, Okla., Feb. 1.—Two high pressure stills, the rectifying house and cooling tower in the Empire refinery's plant here were wiped out at 11:45 tonight when a two-inch pipe at the rear of one of the pressure stills blew off. E. G. Gledhill, chief engineer of the plant, declared that no estimate of the damage could be made.

First reports from the refinery had it that three men were killed in the explosion, which shook the entire city but that these were proven erroneous when a check of the employees was made. Assistant Superintendent F. L. Gregory, who was at the still at the time of the explosion, said that no one was injured.

Fifteen minutes after the first explosion the second still which was charged, blew up and flames shot hundreds of feet in the air. People living in the neighborhood of the fire fled from their homes to the business districts.

AMENDMENTS DIE AT HOT SESSION

Bill Passed on to Third Reading in Practically Original Form

ALL ONSLAUGHTS FAIL

Senator Cordell Pilots Measure Through; Many Roll Calls Prove Necessary

IT'S UP TO THE HOUSE NOW

No Further Discussion Possible in Senate After Result of Tuesday Session

By Associated Press From State Wire.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 1.—The status of the warehouse bill is believed established in the senate of the Oklahoma legislature, on its passage to third reading today after the most spirited discussion of the eighth session. More roll calls were necessary during the debate than on any one other piece of legislation.

The upper house did not adjourn until after 7 o'clock. Whatever changes are made in the proposed law, they must be made by the house of representatives, as discussion in the senate is closed.

Glasser Amendment Killed.
The amendment offered by Harry O. Glasser, which would have killed the \$2,000,000 appropriation, leaving it to the counties to decide individual appropriations for establishing the warehouses throughout the state, was voted down, 25 to 18, by the senate, which then approved section 17 of the bill, which contains the appropriation clause.

Several times Harry B. Cordell, leaving the floor for passage of the bill, had evidently given up hope of passage of the bill, but each time, he resumed from one side of the senate floor to the other, bringing a reserve.

The first roll call taken on the Glasser amendment was: For amendment, Senator Briggs, republican; Brown, republican; Cornett, republican; Davidson, republican; Durant, republican; Fleming, republican; Fruey, republican; Glasser, republican; Harney, republican; Horner, republican; Ingraham, republican; Leedy, republican; Lillard, democrat; Sherman, republican; Simpson, republican; Wallace, democrat; Wells, republican, and W. E. Woods, republican.

Davidson Assent Falls.
The next two sections were glanced over briefly and then Senator R. L. Davidson of Tulsa made a motion for amendment to make a separate section of the bill which was to authorize submission of the appropriation to the people of the state for referendum.

Cordell made a motion at once to table. This motion carried by a vote of 25 to 18. The vote on the motion was: For, Briggs, Brown, Cornett, Davidson, Durant, Fleming, Glasser, Harney, Horner, Leedy, Lillard, McPherson, Nichols, Sherman, Simpson, Wallace, Wells and E. E. Woods.

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